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SAYS PROPOSED RAMAPO CONTRACT OUGHT TO BE AMENDED.

THROWS PART OF THE BLAME FOR LOOSE-LY DRAWN "PRESSURE" CLAUSE

remarkable plot. Chief of these was

On this point Mr. Holahan differs from men who know a great deal more about the law

WOFUL WASTE OF CROTON.

reduct, described the dilapidated condition

uesday, when the hearing resumes its sessions, x-Mayor Wurster of Brooklyn told how the unicipal water service of that borough could be cheapened and expeditionally augmented.
Louis F Haffen President of the Borough of
The Bronx, said enough Croton water for the
next few years could be secured by building
storage reservoirs.

CROKERISM AMONG THE FIREMEN.

and Mr. Moss turned to the seventy-five firemen who, with subpornes in their pockets, had been filling two long rows of chairs, looking greatly bored by the proceedings, but keeping one eye all the time upon their chief, Edward F. Croker, Bichard Croker's nephew, and Fire Commissioner Scannell, who had come to hear what they might tell the committee. Augustus T. Docharty, Secretary of the Fire Department, need a list showing that since January 1, 1808, 100 firemen had been tried on charges of Intoxication, 205 for absence without leave, 81 for neglect of duty and 41 for off-nees against

dismissed from the force been dismissed from the lower that he had been reduced from the rank of engineer after he had refused to contribute 1 per cent of his year's salar for an election fund. He had been asked to subscribe by one of his superior officers, whose name he did not remember. Several other firemen were called, but as attempts to get tes-timeny from them which would show laxity of

DETAILS OF THE SESSION.

COURTROOM IN THE MORNING LOOKED LIKE A FIREMEN'S CONVENTION.

oted himself to continuing his probing into the Ramages water job. He called as his first witness

i don't think my opinion on that point would have any particular value. The charter was a scheme of consoldation, not of confederation. Perhaps, as time goes on it may be well to give the borough presidents greater, perhaps less power. I can't say that my opinion on that subject is worth anythins, how The members of the charter commission disagreed on many points; for instance, in my opinion, two years was the proper term for the Mayor. If he's a good one the proper term for the Mayor if he's a sad one two years is quite long enough.

Ex-Mayor Wurster of Brooklyn was the next Witness He testified that Brooklyn was still I he much need of water as it was in 186, when it was immonstrated to the satisfaction of the muolcipal efficials that the borough had only a six months' supply. He added.

This extra supply I believe, we can get reasonably. In 1896 we could have built a conduit from the Millourn pumping station to Spring Creek for \$700.

HOLAHAN ADMITS ERROR. SHOT HIMSELF THROUGH LOVE.

A RIDING TEACHER REVEALS A ROMANCE IN RYE BY COMMITTING SUICIDE.

Arthur E. Cobb, twenty-seven years old, a riding Bertha McKibbon, on the Boston Post Road in Rye,

TRAIN GOES THROUGH A BRIDGE.

would get \$100,000 from it Pacific, a few miles south of Nebraska City company's bond, and he this evening. Three men were burned to death

THE VENEZUELAN CASE.

INDIAN CURRENCY BILL PASSED.

A FIRE ADJOINING PROCTOR'S THEATRE

PANY'S PLACE OF BUSINESS DAMAGED TO

Fire broke out at 1.15 o'clock this morning from fourth-st, occupied by the Thomas & Wylle Litho

DROUTH IN THE ADIRONDACKS.

SCARCITY OF WATER IN HAMILTON AND WARREN

Indian Lake, Hamilton County, which was recently

O'GRADY INDORSES HAVNAY.

TYPOTHET E. ELECT OFFICERS.

and so far as the transaction of husiness is con-

AERONAUT CROSSES CHANNEL

Dover, Sept. 15. Percival Spencer, the aeronaut who started by balloon to convey the greetings of the British Association to the French Scientific Association, now assembled at Boulogne, has land-ed safely near Dunkirk.

BORNE TO THE TOMB.

THE BODY OF MR. VANDERBILT LAID AT WILL ADHERE TO SEVEN YEARS' FRAN-

MANY WELL KNOWN PEOPLE AT ST. HAR-THOLOMEWS, WHERE THE SERVICE WAS HELD-THE JOURNEY

TO NEW-DORP.

brief service at the house, the business as- | Guardian" gives a summary of the Transvaal's

altar and placed in the alsle before the chancel. As it was carried up the sisle the clergy recited that the reply of the Transvaal Government to in solemn tones: "I am the resurrection and the | the British note will suggest a seven years' franthough he were dead, yet shall live, and whoseever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

fourth-st, occupied by the Thomas & Wylle Litho-graphing Company. Seventeen men were at work, but they escaped in safety. The fire extended to the roof. The stage entrance to Proctor's Theotre runs through the building, and the theatte adjoins. The fire was under control at 2 oclock. The damage was estimated at about \$50.000.

Proctor's Theatre was damaged to the extent of thou Some by water, which entered the place through the skyllghits and into the dressing rooms. The fireproof walls prevented the flames from getting into the theatre.

The adjoining building to the fire is where Deputy Chief Breslin was killed a few years ago by the collapse of a large water tank, and the building where the fire was located was the scene of the murder of a waterham, committed by a negronamed Johnson, for which he was executed. latter a sister of Mrs Vanderbilt; John A. Gwynne, a brother of Mrs. Vanderbilt; Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Jay Schieffelin, Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto G. Fabbri, Mr. and Mrs. David Hennen Morris,

from the fifteenth chapter of Paul's First chise and the Commissioner's ideas regarding Epistle to the Corinthians. When he had fin- propositions already made. ished, a quartet sang "Crossing the Bar," and Apostle's Creed, Prayer was next read by Hishop | to the Transvaul Government, said the im service for committal of the body to the grave by suzerainty, so long as no reason to do so was Dr. Greet, after which the choir sang "I Heard given by the Transvaal. ex-Julge John F. Dillon, who was a member of the Charter Commission and who has been Controller Charter Cha the reading of a prayer by Dr. Greer. Then and trusts Mr. Greene's words do not represent Coler's adviser in the controversy that the Ramajo James M. E. O'Grady this morning sent a displace to President McKelley at Washington recommending the reading of a prayer by Dr. Greer. Then the reading of a prayer by Dr. Greer. Then the reading of a prayer by Dr. Greer. Then the reading of a prayer by Dr. Greer. Then the reading of a prayer by Dr. Greer. Then the reading of a prayer by Dr. Greer. Then the choir sang. "Asleep a Jesus." and Eishop Sheriff of Mouroe County, to the place of superstance of the choir sang. "Asleep a Jesus." and Eishop Fotter made the brief announcement of the place of burning and pronounced the benediction. The District of the reason of burning and pronounced the benediction. The pallbearers, and the late associates of Mr.

New-Haven, Conn. Sept. 15.—The final business secsion of the thirteenth annual convention of the United Typothetic of America was held to-day. Secretary: Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Continuing, the President Continuing of the President Continuing of the Continuing of Continui George Maccullech Miller, Eye and Ear Infirmary, Dr. Gorham Bacon, Home for Incurables, of the Transvaal have the same commercial Henry M. McLoren. Hospital Saturday and rights as the burghers, and have always enjoyed Sunday Association, the Rev. Dr. George S. them without interference. I wanted to let Baker; Improved Dwellings Association, Samuel them have the same political rights, but they D. Balcock; New-York Society for the Ruptured | would not avail themselves of this. Roughly, and Crippied, Walter Jennings; St. Luke's Hos- there are more than fifty thousand allens who

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REPLY OF THE TRANSVAAL

CHISE, IT IS REPORTED

READY FOR A CONFERENCE-STANDING BY LONDON CONVENTION-ANSWER TO BE . DELIVERED TO-DAY-LONDON

perlain's dispatch, the Transvaal boldly stands ment at the time of trial.

the joint inquiry, which she accepted in the bona fide belief that it would lead to a final se-

ly the final reply to Great Britain. diate returns of all the burghers available

n secret session to discuss the final draft of the Transvaal reply, which will be handed to

WARNING FROM SIR ALFRED.

Chauncey M. Depew, H. B. Ledyard, George Ing the natives of Basutoland and other districts

RUMOR OF MARTIAL LAW.

It was carried to the of Johannesburg, asserts proclamation is being printed. It is reported here

CONTENTS OF BLUE BOOK. When the coffin had been placed before the LITTLE LIGHT ON THE SITUATION STATE-MENTS OF KRUEGER PAPERS STILL WARLIKE.

London, Sept. 15. A Blue Book, containing the last Transvaal dispatch of the Secretary of | CARPENTERS TO STRIKE TO-DAY. State for the Colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, relating to the matters which led up to its being THEY DEMAND 14 AND A SATURDAY HALF sent, was issued to-day. The text of Mr Chamberlain's note is identical with the dispatch of September 13. The only important feature revealed is a telegram from the British High Commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, dated August

of water in some portlens of the Adirondacks, and especially in Hamilton and Warren counties, is almost unprocedented, and it is doubtful if the situation will be relieved until the late autumnal or early fall rains set in.

North Creek, Warren County, the terminus of the Adirondack Railway, is destinate of water, and the upper Hudson River at that point is reduced to the width of a big creek. All the mills are dry, and residents are compelled to carry water in buckets from the river. The same condition exists as far south as Corinth, Saratoga County. Seventeen miles above North Creek is the State dam at 100 miles. James Abercrombje Burden, jr., is prepared for exireme measures, and is ready to of the Twombly, Sloane and Webb families, and of the negotiations, endless and indecisive, that there will be a strong reaction of feeling against the polloy as the upper Hudson River at that point is reduced to the width of a big creek. All the mills are dry, and residents are compelled to carry water in buckets from the river. The same condition exists as far south as Corinth, Saratoga County. Seventeem miles above North Creek is the State dam at 100 miles. The choir then chanted a burial anthem beginning "Lord Thou hast been our refuge from the light of the increasing difficulty of doing this, and of the desire to see it terminated at any cost, I should be failing in my duty.

Other long dispatches from the Reitish High the protong that the children of the manufaction of the endition of British authority. It is the prolongation of the measures, and is prepared for exitement in order to see the vindication of the measures, and is prepared for exitement to see the vindication of the measures, and is prepared for exitement more in order to see the vindication of the measures and indensity. It is the prolongation of the measures, and is ready to suffer much more in order to see the vindication of the measures and indensity. It is the prolongation of the measures and indensity is described in the measures and indensity. It Mr. and Mrs. James Abercrombie Burden, jr., is prepared for extreme measures, and is ready

one generation to another," after which the Commissioner are published, but they only reit-Rev. Dr. Stone read a Scripture lesson taken erate the Cuttander claims regarding the fran-

Cenyngham Greene, the British agent at Prethen the congregation rose and repeated the ferin, in a letter, published in the Blue Book, ns south of the Potter, and the chair sang "Softly Now Light of Day." This was followed by the reading of the Boer susceptibilities by publicly reasserting

> "The Globe," commenting on this letter, ex-"The Globe" adds: "The Blue Book gives

The little encouragement to the belief that the

Christian Philosophy, by Chancellor Henry M. | the Transvaal on the same footing politically MacCracken, president, The American Church | as the burghers. Mr. Chamberlain says I have not kept my promises. This," thundered Presi-

> Continuing, the President of the South African republic is said to have added: "The allens

Pennsylvania Railroad announces that on ac-count of quarantine regulations, the New-Orleans afeeper now running on the 12-05 midnight train will be discontinued for the present south of Mont-gomery.—Advt.

KEARSARGE COMING TO NEW-YORK. BRYAN WOULD NOT SPEAK

SHIP'S OFFICIAL TRIAL

ship Kearsarge will leave the shippard here to-morrow for the Brooklyn Navy Yard, to A BIG AUDIENCE AT THE CHICAGO CON

hour of the departure of the Kearsarge

CLEVELAND STRIKE AT AN END.

WILL BE CALLED OFF AT A MEETING TO MORROW NIGHT-MEN LOSE ALL

led to the decision to call a meeting and formally declare the strike at an end. In this announcement the men will declare that they have battled and lost and are willing to surrender.

Vice President Charles Eberly, of the Railroadmen's Union, said to-day. If the men are going tack to work and thus practically end the strike there is no reason why it should not be called off formally. The other unions have been working with us and have been thing their members for riding on the cars, and it is only fair when we have lost to tell them so and allow them to go back to patronizing the cars. There is no doubt that at the meeting on Sunday we will decide that the strike is at an end."

HOLIDAY-MOST CONTRACTORS WILL YIELD.

At moon to-day \$550 curpenters and joiners in this city will lay down their tools with the understandemployers have consented to grant them an increase of wages from \$150 to \$1 a day and a half holiday on Saturday all the year round. Notices of the demands were served on builders and contractors some time ago. They are in line with those made by the plasterers several weeks before The wages of the plasterers were advanced

The carpenters and joiners in the present move-nent belong to the United Brotherhood of Carpenrs, the Amaignmented Corpenters and Joiners' mion and the New York City Carpenters' Union he first organization is affiliated with the Building rades Council and the others are represented in a Board of Delegates.

the Board of Delegates.

While some of the contractors object to giving to the demands of the corporaters on the ground that they are asking too much the consensus of opinion among them appears to be that there will be no general strike and that the majority of the building firms will direct their men to return to work Monday morning at the increased wages. The men have chosen in upportune time to make their demands, as everyhody who can drive a nall is sought after now on account of the extensive preparations making for the Dewey celebration. This is not only the busy season in the building trades, but there is more building going on now than at any time in the last ten years, it is said.

ENDLESS CHAIN MYSTERY.

Roston, Sept. 15 (Special) - All of the letters in-

specied. The letter received here was as follows: Dear Sir. An endless chain has been started by a National Committee which has in charge the ection of a memorial to the men who were killed. Chian battles and the marriyrs of the Maine, on receiving this communication, you will make our copies and send to four of your friends you. four copies and send to four of your friends you will greatly olilize us and aid in a commendable object. When you have made four copies please return this letter with 10 cents to Mr. Allen C. Blakewell, care of Mr. George J. Gould, freasurer of the National Committee, Room 60, No. 150 Nassaust, New York City, N. Y. Please number the head of each copy the next number higher than this, and sign your name and address to each. Please do not delay, and, above all things, do not break this chain, which will result in bonoring the memory of men who sacrificed their lives in the cause of illierty and humanity. The first link of this chain was started by Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac.

SINKING FUND COMMISSION MEETS.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

REFUSED TO MEET BOURKE COCKRAN IN JOINT DEBATE ON TRUSTS.

Mr. Bryan reached the hall early in the eve he had with them over the long distance tele

BRYAN WILL SPEAK TO-DAY.

here to-night to hear somebody else speak." Mr. Foulke was followed by Edward Rosewater, of Omaha, whose address received close attention.

MR. COCKRAN'S ADDRESS.

The chairman then introduced Mr. Cockran

I listen delivered by representatives of organized labor I become convinced that the laborers who spoke to us understood these laws much better than their employers; indeed, I believe that some recent events in our history would have been impossible if both sides of these labor controversies understood the economic laws governing the relation of

producers to consumers as well as one side showed that it understood them this very day. Now, I believe ladies and gentlemen, that the pursuit of truth is not a hopeless or even a difficult task. I am one of those who believe that in any assemblage of men honestly endeavoring to dis-cover Truth she always appears not neces-sarily toward the adoption of suggestions of any one-more often through the partial rejection of all suggestions. Somehow or other always she emerges, and when size discovers herself her ex-cellence is so transcendant and conspicuous that all recognize her, acknowledge her and proclaim

Now the precise question which we have been called to consider is the effect upon the general prosperity of the community of combinations, whether of capital or of labor. One of the great difficulties in a philosophical inquiry is the use of vague, sonorous and misleading phrases which raise clouds of possionate declamation about the diffi-culty of the problem, obscuring its outlines and even magnifying its dimensions. There have been controversies that have arisen over this question that I find great difficulty in discussing the facts which confront us on account of certain words

which excite us (Laughter and applause.)

this is not a statement of true conditions, separate and distinct, but rather a statement of two aspects of one difference. For, my friends, I hope to establish before I get through that there cannot be BOSTON BUSINESS MEN SEND DIMES, BUT THEIR extensive distribution of them in the form of wages in a country wherein prosperity is based upon freedom. (Applause.) But whether this distribution is not as effective and complete as we might wish, as can defer consideration of that question losing dimes which were sent by Boston bankers for and brokers in response to endless chain requests not be any distribution if there is not production, to "Allen C Blakewell, Care George J. Gould, No. and that there cannot be an extensive distribution unless there is an abundant production. We must tribute them in the form of wages or of profits.

> such. A combination may be good or had, according to its effect. For instance, a combination for prayer is a church. All good men would subscribe to the success of it. (Laughter.) A combination for burglary is a conspiracy. All good men would irdustrial system which operates to swell the vol-ume of production should be commended; anything Now, whether these great combinations of capi-

tal or these combinations of labor operate to raise or to reduce them is a subject about which there has been a wide diversity of opinion, not merely in The Sinking Fund Commission met in the Mayor's this hall, but wherever economic questions have office yesterday afternoon and passed a resolution been discussed. Some contend that the tendency permitting the Dock Board to spent part of the of these combinations of capital is to cheapen the amount it is entitled to spend annually to the product. Others say that it is to raise the price amount it is entitled to spend annually to the amount of \$1,000,000 in making dock improvements. The question of fixing an unset price for the Kingsbridge Road franchise, granted recently by the Municipal Assembly, was referred to the Commission retiewed a number of small leases held by the city Engineer McLean reported a plan for redistributing the offices in the Criminal Courts Rulling, from which the Health Department has industry of man, yet I venture to say that neither side of this controversy is wholly right or wholly POLAND MINERAL SPRING WATER. side of this controversy is wholly right or wholly commended for purity and medicinal power.—Advt wrong. There are some combinations which op-

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